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Introduction

The Inter Agency Drug Misuse Database (IAD), which was established by Merseyside Drug (and Alcohol) Action Teams, Merseyside Police and the Public Health Sector (now Centre for Public Health) in 1997, supports the need for local information on drug misuse. In particular the IAD aims to:

- Provide comprehensive reporting of problem drug users' (PDUs) characteristics including a range of demographics and the types of drugs used.
- Reflect levels of service and intervention activity.
- Assist in D(A)ATs' (and other responsible bodies) performance management.
- Facilitate the planning and development of services and interventions for PDUs.
- Identify gaps in service provision and delivery, as well as under-served groups as specified by the National Treatment Agency and Department of Health and by the Centre for Public Health, through interrogation of available data.
- Demonstrate client care pathways and crossover of clients between services by cross matching datasets.
- Highlight changes in levels, demographics and characteristics of drug users and drug use.
- Perform comparisons between geographical areas.
- Report back to both individual DATs and service providers in the form of audits and quarterly reports as well as responding to ad hoc requests.
- Provide summary reporting on an annual basis.

To enable the above the IAD collects data from as many agencies in contact with drug users as possible and is continually seeking to expand the range and scope of data providers. Data are currently collected from criminal justice services, needle exchange schemes (both pharmacy and agency-based) and the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and now includes Connexions (young people). It is anticipated that data will also soon be available from Big Life (homeless).

Efforts are continually being made to expand the range of service providers that report to the IAD.

Data considerations

Analysis of data depends on the provision of attributable information. Each service provider records first and last initials, date of birth and gender, for each individual they record a contact with. The combination of these details provides an identifier (attributor) for each individual (e.g.: HF07/12/1974M) This is a nationally recognised system and allows individuals to be tracked through different service providers and across time whilst retaining an acceptable degree of anonymity.

PLEASE NOTE: The IAD will *only* be reporting attributable data for each dataset. In the past, report deadlines have been missed due to data arriving too late to be cleaned and analysed in time, or more often because the data requires a great deal of cleaning and validation before analysis. These reports are useful only if they can arrive within timelines useful to D(A)ATs, (ie: in time for NTA quarterly submissions). For this reason, reports will now be sent out according to a strict timetable, with each quarters report to be sent in the first week of the third month following the close of the reporting period. Any data that is missing or non-attributable will not be included in the report. However, the report will build from quarter to quarter with figures ultimately being provided for the three quarters prior to the reporting period. We will therefore update previous quarters figures with any data that arrived too late for a particular report where possible. Additionally, each report will include year to date figures for each dataset. The Centre for Public Health will continue to work closely with service providers and D(A)ATs in order to improve both the timeliness and quality of monitoring data provided to the IAD. Many service providers are turning to electronic recording of data and it is hoped this will vastly improve the quality of the data as systems improve.

NB: In response to D(A)AT requests for year to date figures just for the current financial year, rather than the previous four quarters, we are now providing just that. So, in future, reports will only include year to date figures for the current financial year. The figures for year to date are calculated by aggregating successive quarterly datasets to omit double counting of those who present to services in every quarter.

ARRESTS UNDER THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT (1971)

Introduction

Data are provided by Management Information Analysis (MIA), on behalf of Merseyside Police, relating to arrests for Class A drug offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971). (Possession of, Supply of, or Possession with intent to Supply, Class A drugs). Data are collated and analysed to enable the monitoring of problem drug users whose drug use has led to legal problems, but may not lead them into contact with treatment services.

Arrests under the Misuse of Drugs Act monitoring

MIA have recently been unable to provide the IAD with arrest data. They are currently dealing with transitional issues involved with the introduction of the new NICHE database system by Merseyside Police. It is anticipated that the system will be fully implemented and data collection will resume around January 2006.

ARREST REFERRAL (AR)

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data are provided by ARCH on assessments made at custody suites and courts. The total number of assessments figure is based on one person per location per date; this is to ensure duplicate data are not included. Duplicate records may appear for the same individual twice on the same day. In these circumstances data are aggregated to a single record. The same individual may however, be counted twice within the reporting period.

Table 1: Individuals assessed, by Gender and Age Group, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	37	82.2	32	68.1	54	88.5	37	69.8
Female	8	17.8	15	31.9	7	11.5	16	30.2
Age								
Under 19	1	2.2	0	0	3	4.9	0	0
19-25	7	15.6	7	14.9	10	16.4	6	11.3
25+	37	82.2	40	85.1	48	78.7	47	88.7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>100</i>

Of all arrestees 3 males (8.1% of males) were 19-25 years old, and 3 females were aged 19-25 (18.8% of females). There were no arrestees under 19.

Table 2: Arrest Referral Year to Date: April – September 2005

Gender	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	64	77.1
Female	19	22.9
Age		
Under 19	1	1.2
19-25	9	10.8
25+	73	88.0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 3: Total Assessments by Drug of use, within St Helens DAT

Drug of Use*	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Amphetamines	4	8.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crack	0	0	2	4.3	1	1.6	5	9.4
Heroin	37	82.2	41	87.2	41	67.2	4	7.5
Heroin & Benzo	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.8
Heroin & Crack	-	-	-	-	2	3.3	12	22.6
Methadone	3	6.7	3	6.4	8	13.1	2	3.8
Methadone & Crack	-	-	-	-	0	0	3	5.7
Methadone & Heroin	-	-	-	-	0	0	13	24.5
Cannabis	1	2.2	1	2.1	0	0	0	0
Unknown/Other	0	0	0	0	9	14.8	12	22.6
<i>Totals</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>100</i>

*Changes in monitoring systems mean we now have data available on Polydrug use. For this reason the above table now contains categories that were not previously reported such as heroin & crack combined.

Main Problem Drug by Gender

Amongst male arrestees the most common drugs were methadone & heroin combined (27.0% of male arrestees), followed by heroin & crack combined (18.9%). For female arrestees heroin & crack were the most common drugs (31.3% of females), followed by methadone & heroin (18.8%).

Main Problem Drug by Age Group

For arrestees aged 19-25 years old, heroin & crack combined were the main drugs of arrest (50.0% of arrestees aged 19-25). Methadone & heroin combined were the most common drugs for the 25+ age group (23.4%), followed by heroin & crack combined (19.1%). There were no arrestees under 19 years old.

Table 4: Arrest Referral Year to Date: April – September 2005

Drug of Use	St Helens	
	n	%
Crack	6	7.2
Heroin	22	26.5
Heroin & Benzodiazepines	2	2.4
Heroin & Crack	12	14.5
Methadone	8	9.6
Methadone & Crack	3	3.6
Methadone & Heroin	13	15.7
Unknown/Other	17	20.5
<i>Totals</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>100</i>

SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data are collected directly from syringe exchange providers. Analysis of syringe exchange data allows performance monitoring of harm reduction services at both DAT and service provider level. This also facilitates geographical analysis of both distribution and movement of injecting drug users.

The tables refer to attributable data only, unless otherwise specified.

The DAT referred to is the DAT of the syringe exchange where the client was seen. Ages are calculated based on the last day of the month in which they were last seen.

AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Due to ongoing data collection and validation problems the data presented in this report is not indicative of the true level of Agency service activity. These problems should now be resolved but the historical nature of the data will not reflect these current changes. Therefore, the analyses provided here for Agency based syringe exchange should only be taken as reflecting the data available.

Table 5: Individuals by gender, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens							
	Q3*		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	15	100	17	94.4	4	100
Female	-	-	0	0	1	5.6	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	15	100	18	100	4	100
All Clients								
Male	-	-	22	100	183	88.4	130	90.3
Female	-	-	0	0	24	11.6	14	9.7
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	22	100	207	100	144	100

*No data was available for Quarter 3.

Table 6: Agency Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	220	89.1
Female	27	10.9
<i>Totals</i>	247	100

Table 7: Individuals by Age Group, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens							
	Q3*		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	0	0	0	0	1	25.0
19-25	-	-	4	26.7	7	38.9	1	25.0
25+	-	-	11	73.3	11	61.1	1	25.0
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	15	100	18	100	4	100
All Clients								
Under 19	-	-	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.7
19-25	-	-	7	31.8	20	9.7	13	9.0
25+	-	-	15	68.2	186	89.9	130	90.3
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	22	100	207	100	144	100

Of all Agency based syringe exchange clients reported to the IAD for this period, 1 male (0.8% of males), and no females were under 19 years old. Ten males (7.7%) were aged 19 to 25 and 3 females (21.4% of females) were in this age group.

Table 8: Agency Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Under 19	2	0.8
19-25	25	10.1
25+	220	89.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 9: Main Drug of Use for Agency Syringe Exchange clients within St Helens DAT

Drug of Use	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Heroin	-	-	4	18.2	91	47.6	68	50.4
Methadone	-	-	0	0	22	11.5	17	12.6
Amphetamines	-	-	1	4.5	19	9.9	12	8.9
Steroids	-	-	16	72.7	26	13.6	17	12.6
Cocaine*	-	-	1	4.5	2	1.0	0	0
Temazepam	-	-	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.7
Cyclizine	-	-	0	0	6	3.1	3	2.2
Morphine	-	-	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.7
Unknown/Various	-	-	0	0	23	16.2	16	11.9
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	<i>22</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>100</i>

*Including Crack

Please Note Q2: The client figures recorded for Drug of Use are based on the limited information provided and are not representative of the number of clients overall.

Main Drug by Gender

The two main drugs of use reported by Agency syringe exchanges for this period were heroin followed by steroids and methadone equally. Of those reporting heroin as their main drug of use, a total of 61 were male (49.6% of all males reported) and 7 were female (58.3% of females). All 17 steroid users were male (13.8% of male injectors in the dataset). For methadone, 15 males were reported (12.2% of males) and 2 females (16.7%).

Main Drug by Age Group

Eight heroin users were aged 19 to 25 (11.8% of heroin users) and none were under 19. One steroid user was under 19 (1.1% of steroid users) and 4 were 19 to 25 (23.5%). All methadone users were aged over 25.

Table 10: Quarterly Total Visits within St Helens DAT

	St Helens			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Attributable	-	22	777	372
Non Attributable	-	-	1	-
<i>Totals</i>	-	<i>22</i>	<i>778</i>	<i>372</i>

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Pharmacy syringe exchange data has not been fully reported due to transitional problems from July 2004 to September 2005. Those involved in the provision and monitoring of this service have now resolved these problems, but the results of this more accurate reflection of service activity will not be indicated in this quarter's data.

Table 11: Individuals, by Gender, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4*		Q1*		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Clients								
Male	5	100	-	-	-	-	3	60
Female	0	0.0	-	-	-	-	2	40
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	-	-	-	-	5	100

* No data was available for Q4 & Q1 due to transitional problems in the monitoring of this service.

Table 12: Year to Date

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	3	60
Female	2	40
<i>Totals</i>	5	100

Table 13: Individuals, by Age Group, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-25	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
25+	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Clients								
Under 19	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0
19-25	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0
25+	5	100	-	-	-	-	5	100
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	-	-	-	-	5	100

Table 14: Year to Date

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Under 19	0	0
19-25	0	0
25+	5	100
<i>Totals</i>	5	100

Table 15: Quarterly Total Visits within St Helens DAT

	St Helens			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Attributable	6	-	-	5
Non Attributable	1	-	-	6
<i>Totals</i>	7	-	-	11

COMBINED PHARMACY AND AGENCY-BASED SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Analyses here are based on a combination of the aggregated Agency and Pharmacy-based datasets. Data are aggregated by attributor and DAT to one person per DAT area. Individuals who appear in more than one DAT area may therefore appear more than once in the final dataset.

PLEASE NOTE: This report does not contain year to date figures for St Helens DAT combined syringe exchange due to missing data. Future reports will include these figures.

Table 16: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	100
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	100
All Clients								
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	89.7
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	10.3
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	100

Table 17: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Age

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	25.0
19-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	25.0
25+	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	50.0
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	100
All Clients								
Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.7
19-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	8.9
25+	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	90.4
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	100

National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Background

The NDTMS is the official method for measuring the extent and nature of structured drug treatment in England and Wales. The system is commissioned by the NTA and is operated through nine regional centres – corresponding to the nine government offices for the regions.

Data here are aggregated to one individual, per year, per DAT. Individuals presenting in more than one DAT within the time period will therefore be represented more than once in the original data. The DAT referred to is DAT of treatment.

New Clients

Figures presented here for "new" clients are calculated using the triage date. Those individuals triaged within the reporting period are taken as new clients for this report. However, it should be noted that these individuals may have been triaged, or in contact with treatment services, before this period. According to NDTMS official figures, for the period July-September 2005, there were 93 individuals triaged in St Helens in this period who had not been seen before.

Table 18: Individuals in contact with treatment service by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	68	70.8	-	-	-	-	85	73.9
Female	28	29.2	-	-	-	-	30	26.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients								
Male	475	72.7	591	72.5	620	72.5	598	73.5
Female	178	27.3	224	27.5	235	27.5	216	26.5
<i>Totals</i>	<i>653</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>815</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>855</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>814</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 19: NDTMS Year to Date: April – September 2005

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	705	72.8
Female	263	27.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>968</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 20: Individuals in contact with treatment service by Age Group

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	14.8
19-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	13.0
25+	79	82.3	-	-	-	-	83	72.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients								
Under 19*	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	7.0
19-25*	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	9.1
25+	521	79.8	658	80.7	650	76.0	683	83.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>653</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>815</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>855</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>814</i>	<i>100</i>

*Please Note Q3-Q1: Due to changes in the analysis and reporting of age groups by the IAD for Q2, a breakdown by number and percentage of the two age groups for those under 25 was not possible for this report.

Table 21: NDTMS Year to Date: April – September 2005

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Under 19	150	15.5
19-25	84	8.7
25+	734	75.8
<i>Totals</i>	<i>968</i>	<i>100</i>

Probation

Quarter 1 (2005/06) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data is provided by Merseyside Probation Services on all clients with a reported substance use problem.

Table 22: Individuals assessed, by Gender and Age Group, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens			
	Q1		Q2	
Gender	n	%	n	%
Male	61	80.3	65	85.5
Female	15	19.7	11	14.5
Age				
Under 19	3	3.9	5	6.6
19-25	21	27.6	20	26.3
25+	52	68.4	51	67.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>100</i>

Of all probation services clients 5 males (7.7% of males) were under 19, and 20 males (30.8%) were aged 19 to 25. All females reported were over 25 years of age.

Table 23: Probation Year to Date: April – September 2005

	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	119	82.1
Female	26	17.9
Age		
Under 19	6	4.1
19-25	39	26.9
25+	100	69.0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 24: Assessments by Drug of use, within St Helens DAT

	St Helens			
	Q1		Q2	
Drug of Use	n	%*	n	%*
Heroin	24	31.6	23	30.3
Methadone	1	1.3	0	0
Crack	1	1.3	1	1.3
Cocaine	0	0	2	2.6
Amphetamines	1	1.3	1	1.3
Ecstasy	1	1.3	0	0
Cannabis	14	18.4	19	25.0
Other	4	5.3	2	2.6
Unknown	0	0	2	2.6

* The percentages presented here are a proportion of the total number of individuals reported. Not all individuals were reported drug users due to either omissions in the reporting of drug use, or were present in the dataset due to problematic alcohol use only. Therefore the total number of individuals reported in this table will not match the totals in tables 22 & 23.

Table 25: Probation Year to Date: April – September 2005

Drug of Use	St Helens	
	n	%*
Heroin	45	31.0
Methadone	1	0.7
Crack	2	1.4
Cocaine	2	1.4
Amphetamines	2	1.4
Ecstasy	1	0.7
Cannabis	31	21.4
Other	5	3.4
Unknown	3	2.1

* The percentages presented here are a proportion of the total number of individuals reported. Not all individuals were reported drug users due to either omissions in the reporting of drug use, or were present in the dataset due to problematic alcohol use only.

Table 26: Assessments by Alcohol Use, within St Helens DAT

Alcohol a problem	St Helens			
	Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%
No	34	45.3	31	41.3
Problematic	21	28.0	16	21.3
Severe	20	26.7	28	37.3

Of all clients with a reported drug problem 31 (63.3% of reported drug users) did not have an alcohol problem. Seven clients (14.3% of reported drug users) were problematic alcohol drinkers and 11 had a severe alcohol problem (22.4%). Of those clients with a severe alcohol problem and reported drug use, the main drug of use was cannabis (63.6% of all clients with a severe alcohol problem).

Table 27: Probation Year to Date: April – September 2005

Alcohol a problem	St Helens	
	n	%
No	62	43.4
Problematic	36	25.2
Severe	45	31.5

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Background

Connexions provide a support service for young people, aged 13-19. The Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership provides data presented here.

Table 28: Gender by DAT of contact

Gender	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	9	64.3	20	57.1	1	20.0	22	68.8
Female	5	35.7	15	42.9	4	80.0	10	31.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 29: Connexions Year to Date: April – September 2005

	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	23	62.2
Female	14	37.8
<i>Totals</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 30: Age by DAT of contact

Age	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
16	1	7.1	5	14.3	1	20.0	4	12.5
17	5	35.7	13	37.1	0	0	9	28.1
18	7	50.0	15	42.9	4	80.0	12	37.5
19	1	7.1	2	5.7	0	0	7	21.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 31: Connexions Year to Date: April – September 2005

Age	St Helens	
	n	%
16	5	13.5
17	9	24.3
18	16	43.2
19	7	18.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 32: Drug/Alcohol problem by DAT of contact

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	7	50.0	14	40.0	2	40.0	9	28.1
Drugs	7	50.0	21	60.0	3	60.0	23	71.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>100</i>

* "Other" is generally used to refer to solvents although this is not necessarily always the case.

Combined Datasets

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data presented here is drawn from a combination of datasets relating to Arrests under Misuse of Drugs Act (1971), Arrest Referrals, Syringe Exchange (Agency and Pharmacy), NDTMS, Probation and Connexions. The combined data are aggregated on attributer and D(A)AT area to produce overall figures for numbers of individuals presenting to any service reporting to the IAD. Figures presented here will therefore not necessarily reflect the combined totals of data presented earlier as the method of aggregating is somewhat different. Note that, for those in the Connexions dataset, only individuals with a reported drug problem were included. Further information on the processes of data manipulation, aggregation and analysis is available from the IAD Manager. Please Note: These figures should not be taken as a measure of prevalence as the method for calculating that is somewhat different.

Table 33: Total Problem Drug Users (PDUs) reported to the IAD: by Gender and Age

	St Helens							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	546	73.8	651	72.7	720	74.2	752	75.0
Female	194	26.2	244	27.3	251	25.8	250	25.0
Age								
Under 19	30	4.1	115	12.8	142	14.6	91	9.1
19-25	142	19.2	91	10.2	82	8.4	104	10.4
25+	568	76.8	689	77.0	747	76.9	807	80.5
<i>Totals</i>	<i>740</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>895</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>971</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1002</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 34: Combined Datasets Year to Date: April – September 2005

	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	907	74.9
Female	304	25.1
Age		
Under 19	185	15.3
19-25	125	10.3
25+	901	74.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>1211</i>	<i>100</i>

Year to Date:

Of all males reported to the IAD for this period, 126 (13.9% of males) were under 19 and 87 (9.6%) were aged 19 to 25. For female clients 59 (19.4% of females) were under 19 and 38 (12.5%) were 19 to 25 years old.

Fig 1: Distribution of Problematic Drug Users by Age Group and Gender

